grant for construction of school buildigns or maintenance grant for day-to-day running of the school has been released by Ministry of Human Resource Development to any private school in the last 2 years.

IISER in lieu of NIS

†1962. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started setting up Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) in place of National Institute of Science (NIS);

(b) whether a stone has been laid by Prime Minister for establishment of such an institute in Kolkata; and

(c) whether any Parliamentary delegation or Cabinet Minister representing Orissa has been assured by the Prime Minister for setting up this kind of establishment in Bhubaneshwar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The Government have set up two Indian Institute of Science Education and Resarch (IISER) one each at Kolkata and Pune but these are not in place of National Institute of Science (NIS).

(b) Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister laid foundation stone of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) at Kolkata on 11th July, 2006.

(c) There is no record in the Prime Minister's Office regarding Prime Minister's assurance to any Parliamentary delegation, or Cabinet Minister representing Orissa regarding setting up this kind of establishment in Bhubaneshwar.

Opening of IIT, Bombay campus at Ahmedabad

1963. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IIT, Bombay plans a campus in Ahmedabad;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) what are the details of the plans of IITs to have multi-campuses in different cities;

(c) whether IITs will be allowed to expand in States where they have no presence; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No such proposal has been received from IIT, Bombay. However, proposals for opening Centres in NOIDA (U.P.) has been received from IIT, Roorkee and IIT, Kanpur.

(c) & (d) No decision in this regard has so far been taken by the Government.

Fatwas to educational institutes

1964. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some regional organizations issued Fatwas in 3000 educational institutes, for not singing of National Anthem, at Hyderabad and Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these organizations have given representation to the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh to sing a song "Sare Jahan se Accha" instead of "Vandematharam" in schools; and

(c) if so, the action his Ministry propose to take against such organizations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No Sir.

(b) As per the information furnished by Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, no such representation has been received from any organization.

(c) Does not arise.

Mid-day meal scheme in Rajasthan

1965. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally-sponsored Mid-day Meal Scheme being run in Rajasthan;